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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Everyone attending Congress had an enjoyable time and learned more about 4-H. The following results show our members worked hard this year. Congratulations!

Brianna Baeten & Jasmine Drange ~ placed in the top 6 of the Fashion Review.

Jasmine Drange ~ selected as a State Ambassador.

KaCee Erickson & Jessica Hickel ~ participated in the finals for Demonstration.

Carrie Krug ~ State Award winner in leadership.

Carrie Krug ~ 4th place with her quilt.

The Yellowstone County Horse Skillathon team took 1st place and will represent Montana at Western Roundup in Denver. Team members: Courtney Bruce, Sky Caufield, Stephanie Horsman, and Jessica Weeding.

I want to thank all of the clubs that donated kitchen items for the Department N.

Thanks to the Bull Mountain Grill for holding a fundraiser in support of 4-H.

Roni Baker

Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

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COUNTY AWARDS

A committee is beginning to work on county awards. Your help is needed. Contact Roni at the Extension Office if you want to give input to the committee or serve on the Awards Committee.

VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE

Applications for the Volunteer Excellence Award for leaders are due September 15th in the 4-H Center Office in Bozeman, NOT postmarked by Sept. 15.

Applications are available at the Extension Office.

Nomination criteria include a person who has made a unique, innovative, special or impacting contribution to the 4-H program, positively affecting the lives of youth, and creating a standard of excellence that helps motivate and encourage others.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Yellowstone County 4-H announces their official Facebook Page. With just a click of the "LIKE" button, adults and youth age 13 and over can view up-to-date information regarding meetings, deadlines, upcoming events, and general information. The page will allow us to effectively interact and communicate with members and leaders.



As always we encourage the safe use of Facebook and any internet site and suggest parents visit the following website where you can download a copy of "A Parent's Guide to Facebook": www.connectsafely.org/safety-advice-articles/facebook-for-parents.html.

FAIR 4-H AMBASSADOR DANCE

All 4-H and FFA members and alumni are invited to attend the Yellowstone County 4-H Junior Leaders Dance to be held on Wednesday, August 17th at the Expo Center, Large Arena. The dance will be held from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Grab your friends and join the fun!!



MONTANA
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MONTANA 4-H LEADER'S FORUM

Pack your bags for a 4-H "Adventure without Borders" at the 2011 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum on September 23-24, at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky. Open to 4-H volunteer leaders and teens, this is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event, you will network with others from across the state, gain new skills and knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county. Highlights include a project skill-a-thon, international food, hands-on workshops and a keynote speaker. The setting is a resort like atmosphere near Yellowstone National Park and also has outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking and fishing. Registration information is available online at the State 4-H website www.montana4h.org. Select "Programs", "Events", "Montana 4-H Leadership Forum" and click on "get details". Look under the Downloads section for payment/registration information. Event registration costs will be \$90 if registered by August 26th and \$110 after that date. A block of rooms at a special rate has been set aside until Sept. 1st. **You need to make your own room reservations.**

BLACK HILLS REC LAB

October 1-7, 2011 are the dates for this year's event in Custer, SD. This camp is for adults and teens 16 and older. It teaches leadership and personal growth through recreation. Complete information and registration forms can be found at the Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab facebook page or you may call Karen Ward @ 406-932-6747 or Susan Michalakes @ 401-294-7209.

MONTANA REC LAB PROPOSALS DUE

Workshop proposals for the 2012 Rec Lab, to be held in Lewistown, March 16-18, 2012, are now being accepted. Both teen and adult presenters are invited to submit proposals. The theme selected for the 2012 Rec Lab is **"100 Years of Green"**. We will be focusing on Montana 4-H's Centennial & how things were done in the past 100 years. Keep in mind participant age range is 13-19.

Proposal entry forms are available at the Extension Office or can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website. Return your proposal by October 1, 2011 to: MSU Extension Chouteau County – PO Box 459, Fort Benton, MT. 59442 or email to chouteau2@montana.edu.

If you have questions, please call 406-622-3751.

THE BIG CHALLENGE FUN RUN & OBSTACLE COURSE

WHEN: Saturday, August 6, 2011
WHERE: Starting Point: Skyview High School

This is a fun, unique and challenging course that has never been done in Billings!

Two Exciting Challenges: - 2 mile run with obstacles including a pylon challenges, Football tosses, trivia questions and more! - 4 mile run with obstacles including a gunny sack run, bear crawls, tire pulls, and more!

The money raised for this event will go to help support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yellowstone County!! Call 248-2229 for registration information or if you would like to volunteer to help out!

FAIR ENTRIES

I would encourage members and parents to enter items at the MontanaFair in the Open classes. All of the forms and entry information are at www.montanafair.com by looking under "Exhibitors". You can enter gardening, sewing, crafts, artwork, and many other items. ~ Roni

4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. Requirements follow:

You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1, 2010.
You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer.

You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years.

You must be willing to serve a 2-year term if a junior, a 1-year term if a senior this fall in high school.

You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings - both virtual and real time.

You must have the approval of your county agent.

For more information and applications, contact the Extension Office.

2011 ICE CREAM BOOTH SCHEDULE

All clubs in Yellowstone County are required to work the ice cream booth during fair. Funds raised in the ice cream booth go to the 4-H Council to provide funds for 4-H projects and activities.

Please look over the shift schedule below to locate your club's shift(s). If your club cannot work the assigned shift day or time, you must find another club that can switch shifts with you. Please notify Chris Martin at 248-1425 with any shift changes. Thank you for your continued help in making the 4-H Ice Cream Booth a success.

Saturday, August 13

11 am - 1:00 pm	Heights Trailblazers
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Heights Trailblazers
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Ruff Riders
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Ruff Riders
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Sunday, August 14

11 am - 1:00 pm	Worden Riverdale
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Worden Riverdale
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Yellowstone Mavericks

Monday, August 15

11 am - 1:00 pm	Laurel Roadrunners
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Laurel Roadrunners
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Boots n Britches
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Boots n Britches
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Project Rockin Wranglers

Tuesday, August 16

11 am - 1:00 pm	Cool Clovers
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Cool Clovers
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Ruff Riders
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Lockwood Humble B's
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Lockwood Humble B's

Wednesday, August 17

11 am - 1:00 pm	Explorers
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Explorers
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Town n Country
5:00 - 7:00 pm	City Kids
7:00 - 9:00 pm	City Kids

Thursday, August 18

11 am - 1:00 pm	Shepherd Pioneers
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Shepherd Pioneers
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Project Rockin Wranglers

5:00 - 7:00 pm
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Huntley Eagles
Huntley Eagles

Friday, August 19

11 am - 1:00 pm	Kountry Kritters
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Kountry Kritters
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Hesper Hustlers
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Hesper Hustlers
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Lockwood Outlaws

Saturday, August 20

11 am - 1:00 pm	City Slickers
1:00 - 3:00 pm	City Slickers
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Laurel Roadrunners
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Town n Country
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Yellowstone Mavericks

PURCHASE ICE CREAM COUPONS FOR THE 4-H ICE CREAM BOOTH

How about a special treat for your 4-H leader, 4-H members, grandpa and grandma, a special neighbor, or someone who helped you with your 4-H project. Ice cream coupons are available at the Extension Office to purchase and give to that special person. You can also purchase these tickets for \$2 each or five for \$8 in Department N on Interview Judging Day. They can be redeemed at the 4-H Ice Cream Booth at the MontanaFair for a terrific ice cream cone.

INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY MONDAY, AUGUST 8th

Everyone who has entered in Department N (non-livestock) for the fair will **need to be at Interview Judging Day, Monday, August 8th**. Interview Judging will take place in the **Expo Center Small Bay**. 4-H clubs are scheduled either for the morning or evening.

If you come at other than your scheduled time, you will wait until the scheduled clubs are through being judged - unless special arrangements have been made prior to the week of Interview Judging with Roni Baker. The number of judges needed is based on the entries and when they will be coming to be judged. **If you have more than 40 exhibits, you must come in the morning, even if your club is scheduled for the afternoon shift.**

The judging schedule has been split into four sections to make the waiting time for members smaller.

CLUB INTERVIEW JUDGING SCHEDULE

10:00 am - 2:30 pm (Check in begins at 9:30 am)

(A lunch break will be taken from noon to 1:00 pm)

Worden Riverdale	Ruff Riders
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Shepherd Pioneers

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (Must check in by 1:30 pm)

Lockwood Humble Bs	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Lockwood Outlaws	Heights Trailblazers
City Slickers	

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Check in begins at 4:00 pm)

Hesper Hustlers	Town and Country
Boots & Britches	Laurel Roadrunners
Huntley Eagles	Yellowstone Mavericks
Cool Clovers	

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Must check in by 7:00 pm)

City Kids	Out of County
Project Rocking Wranglers	Explorers
Kountry Kritters	

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Longhorn General Contracting	Rob Prewitt
Vermilion Ranch	Beyond Basil Catering
Charlton & Sons Trucking	J & L Livestock
Asphalt Plus, Inc.	Gary's Drilling Inc.

DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

DEPT N POST FAIR MEETING

The Post Fair meeting for Department N will be held on **Thursday, September 1st at 6:00 pm** in Room 105 of the Courthouse.

CAKE KIDS

Remember Cake meets Tuesday, August 2nd, at 6:30 at the Courthouse, Room 105. Come join us and work on your fair projects. Cakes will keep until interview judging. Bring supplies needed to do your fair project(s): cakes, icing, edible goodies, boards for techniques, tips. REMEMBER, for fair especially, all boards should be the shape of the cake and must be 2" larger than the cake. Character cake boards should be cut in the general shape of the cake. Also ALL boards should be DOUBLED!!! so that the cake will not crack during transport, especially after drying for a week. The boards should also be covered with foil. If you want help, bring your foil and a glue stick to the meeting. RSVP to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or to Carol at 839-7420 (leave a message). If you have any questions about what you need to bring or do for your fair entries, please call Carol before the meeting at 839-7420.

Carol has some upcoming commitments for the next 4-H year. She will be unable to teach the Cake Decorating Workshops. Anyone interested in taking on this leadership role, please contact Roni Baker at 256-2828.

ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT N

In Department N (Expo Small Bay) we want to have as many activities going on as possible. If you are interested in doing a presentation, workshop, talk about the 4-H program, trips or activities, please contact Roni at the Extension Office at 256-2828. A list of activities being held in Department N will be posted each day in the department. We also hope to have it ready for you to pick up on Interview Judging Day. Come learn about 4-H Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C., National Congress in Atlanta or one of the other many opportunities available in 4-H.

FAIR PACKETS

Pick up your fair packets at Department N (Expo Small Bay) on Interview Judging Day, **Monday**, August 8th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Even if you do not participate in Department N, you can stop by and pick up your packet. Be sure to read all information carefully.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Visit Department N each day during fair to participate in "The Hunt". There will be a list of 10 items which are hidden in the club booths. The items will be moved to different booths each day. Fill out the form listing where you found the items and have your name put in a daily drawing for prizes. Prizes include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items.

DEPARTMENT N CLERKS

4-H has an outstanding group of clerks this year! If you have any questions, look for one of the following people:

Amanda Riter	Melody Harris
Gayle Breeding	Sherri Horsman
Stephanie Horsman	Chris Martin
Kristi Trupka	Karen Postema
Kasie Haack	Crystal West
Kathy Jandro	James West
Stephanie Johnson	

DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEW JUDGING

Interview Judging of 4-H projects will take place on **Monday, August 8th** in the Expo Center Small Bay. It is suggested that you park in the lot next to Metra and come in the small doors at the front of the Expo Center.

Members not able to be present for judging must complete an Absentee Interview Judging Form for each project being entered. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

CLUB BOOTH SET UP: The area for your club will be designated and as the items are judged the member will take them to the club booth area.

ALL FOODS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN FOOD AREA. Each club booth will have a set up display area. In addition, we will have shelves, risers, tables and some glass cases as necessary. Please be creative and bring other items you feel would best display the projects from your club. (i.e., a chair, coffee table, coat rack, painted boxes, colorful fabric, etc.)

YOUR CLUB BANNER WILL BE THERE FOR YOU TO USE. If you borrowed yours from the office, be sure to bring it with you. If you need to construct a new one, please have it ready for fair.

PARENTS please note: The interview judging process is a wonderful learning opportunity for your member. It takes time to communicate with the judge the new skills learned and for the judge to evaluate and teach. Please plan for your member to be involved with the judging for 1-2 hours. This will be a great opportunity to assist where needed and visit with other 4-H families.

PROCEDURE FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING

1. REGISTRATION TABLE: Pick up your entry blanks and tags at the time assigned to your club. If you did not complete all the items you listed on your entry blank, be sure they are crossed off at the registration table and the tags for those items are discarded.
2. TAGGING: Pins, staples and tape will be available at the tagging tables. You will need to securely attach each tag to the exhibit.
3. JUDGING: Choose a project area you want to be judged on and stand in that line until you are taken to your judge. When you have completed the judging of those project items, get your next project and wait in that line until you are judged.
4. RIBBONS: When the judge has finished marking your entry blank and tag with the placing, you will take the project to the ribbon area where a ribbon will be attached.
5. DISPLAY: Once the ribbons are on your items, take them to your club booth area in the Exhibit Building.
6. CHECK OUT: When **ALL** of your projects have been judged, **TURN YOUR ENTRY BLANK IN AT THE CHECK OUT TABLE**. Members who do not turn in their entry blanks **WILL NOT** receive premium money. If you entered whole products in open class foods, you will want to take the remainder home with you.

CHECK OUT OF EXHIBITS

ALL exhibits **must** be removed from the 4-H area **Saturday, August 20th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits, please make arrangements for someone else to do so. Be sure to leave a list and description of the items with the person so items are not missed.

GATE TICKETS

Yellowstone Valley Electric is again sponsoring your way into the fair, they have donated fair entry tickets. Each 4-H member entered in the MontanaFair will get a 9 day wristband this year. Normally to get into the fair each day, it would cost \$8.00 for 13 - 64 years old and \$5.00 for 6 - 12 years old and seniors. Kids 5 and under are free.

PLEASE let them know how much you appreciate their support. Every family should send a thank you note!

Send a thank you note to:

Yellowstone Valley Electric
P.O. Box 249
Huntley, MT 59037

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

DEPARTMENT A – LIVESTOCK POST FAIR MEETING

The post-fair meeting for livestock will be held
Wednesday, August 31st, 6:00 pm Courthouse Rm 105.

METRA HORSE BARN RENOVATION

At the July 26th County Commissioner Meeting, Erica Anderson, Elyssa and Chris Leninger gave a presentation about what barn 4-H would like renovated at Metra. Barn 15 was selected at the last Horse and Colt Meeting. These young ladies did a great job with the presentation!

HORSE MEMBERS

For fair follow the dress code on the Yellowstone County Supplement and in the Exhibitors Handbook, not the dress code in your project book. Be sure to read the rules in your packet at check in. (knk7/8/99)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Borrowed from Dr. Doug Householder, Texas A&M University

One family has this set of rules hung in the dressing room of their horse trailer:

When I compete, I...

Have a performance goal...never a “beat someone else” goal.

Evaluate my own performance.

Respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself.

Don’t criticize other exhibitors, officials or judges.

Do my best today.

Enjoy my friends and become more skilled through today’s competition.

STAY HOME IF I CAN’T FOLLOW THE ABOVE RULES!

HORSE HELMETS

You can order horse helmets through the Extension Office for \$15.00. Some of the white Troxel horse helmets are available at the Extension Office.

BOOTS & BRITCHES 4-H & OPEN HORSE SHOW

The Boots & Britches 4-H and Open Horse Show will be held Saturday, July 30th, at the Billings Saddle Club. High point buckles, lots of awards and trophies will be given.

WORDEN RIVERDALE 4-H & OPEN HORSE SHOW

The Worden Riverdale 4-H and Open Horse Show will be held Sunday, August 7th, at the Schaff Arena, 2445 N 13 Road, in Worden. Registration opens at 7:00 am with the show starting at 8:30 am. High point buckles will be awarded.

HORSE MEETING/HORSE MIXER

A mandatory meeting for all horse members and parents participating in the fair will be held in the Super Barn at 3:00 pm on Thursday, Aug. 11th. A Horse Mixer will be held at 6:30 pm, Thursday, Aug. 11th at the Super Barn. There will be food! Come help us celebrate the opening of fair. All 4-H members are invited.

REEDS SKIPPA DANDY VERSATILITY AWARD

The Reeds Skippa Dandy Versatility Award will again be awarded following the MontanaFair 4-H Horse Show this year by the Taylor and Marcotte families. The traveling trophy and ribbon metal are awarded to the **High Point Horse** in memory of Reeds Skippa Dandy, who spent 18 years in the 4-H program with three separate 4-Hers; Joey Lynn (Taylor) Henry, Jay Taylor and Amanda Marcotte. Dandy was the pure definition of “Versatility”.

In order to qualify for this award, a one-horse/one-rider combination must compete in at least four different disciplines from the following: showmanship, western,

english, trail, bareback, hunter hack, pleasure driving, ranch horse, reining, games and team penning. Good luck to you all. ~ From the Taylor and Marcotte Families

SHOWMANSHIP CLOTHES

Some sizes of white shirts, black pants and white pants are available at the Extension Office. You can bring an old one to trade or just come get one for fair. Everyone is welcome!

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING EXCESSIVE ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Please use common sense in all situations. Know the whole story and do not make assumptions about what is going on in the incidents you are observing. For example, excessive adult involvement does not include a parent holding an animal for the next class when the member is in the ring showing another animal or when a parent is helping lead a steer to tie-outs. Examples of excessive adult involvement include a parent cleaning a pen or a professional fitter grooming an animal. At the time of the incident, the **4-H/FFA member** needs to:

A) Contact the Division Chairman and discuss the incident they observed. The Division Chairman will then visit with Roni Baker, Extension Agent about the incident. **OR**
B) Contact Roni Baker, Extension Agent, and discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Office in the Expo Center. Roni will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species.

The members can then go to the individual with their sticker and politely state their concern about the excessive level of adult involvement with the member's project.

First Infraction

The youth and adult needs to give the sticker. The Division Chairman needs to write up information about the incident including the incident as reported, time, date, species, etc. This document will be filed in the 4-H Office.

Second Infraction

The second report is a written warning. This warning must include two signatures. The letter will include the consequences for a third infraction.

Third Infraction

Consequences for the adult and youth involved with the adult may be serious and have a lasting effect.

Consequences may include expulsion, loss of premium money, expulsion from future fairs or any other

consequence determined by the committee. The committee will consist of the 4-H Extension Agent, Department A Superintendent(s) and the Division Chairman.

ROUND ROBIN TRAINING CLINICS

Want to brush up on your showmanship techniques? A Small Animal Round Robin Training Clinic will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 17th, 2010, at 4:30 pm, Expo large arena.

A Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic will be held Thursday, Aug. 18th, 2010, at 4:00 pm, Expo large arena.

FAIR ANIMALS

Be sure your animals are healthy when coming to the fair. Animals need to be lice free, in good condition and healthy overall to come to the fair.

SPORTSMANSHIP AT THE FAIR

Parents - please show good sportsmanship and respect to the judges at the fair. DO NOT argue with the judge - his/her word is final - please set a good example.

DEPARTMENT A CLERKS

This year we have some great clerks. If you have any questions, look for one of the following people:

Kat Luhman	Melody Harris
Connie McQuire	Amanda Riter
Norma Seder	Katrina Britton
Hunter Keller	Brenda Hermanson
Deb Barta-Grice – Superintendent	

COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

Anyone can enter in the Costume Animal Parade, Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 pm **Entries are due by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 17th**. You can get the forms at the 4-H Office at the Courthouse or in the Expo Center. You do not have to enter it on your fair entry.

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

Market Animal Alert!!! - If any medication or medicated feed has been used, **make sure** that withdrawal times have been met **before** your animals are taken to the fair. If you have any questions on withdrawal time, read the label on feed sacks, bottle of medication or consult a veterinarian. If an animal tests positive, **it may be condemned** and that could affect our livestock sale in the future.

FAIR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Just a reminder that on Friday, August 19th, the Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the fair. This is one of the three contests that determines our Livestock Judging teams for the 2011–2012 year.

You do not have to enter this on your entry form but you must register on **Friday, August 19th before 9:00 am** **Judging begins at 9:00 am, so come early.** There will be a Junior and Senior Division. Individuals cannot enter both 4-H and FFA. Classes to be judged may include: Market Lambs - Breeding Sheep - Market Beef - Breeding Beef - Market Swine and Breeding Swine - Market Goats.

ATTENTION CLUB TEAMS - You must have a full team when you register. Once you register as an individual, you will not be allowed to change. We also need adults to serve as group leaders. For more information, see Page 8 in your Dept. A Exhibitors Handbook or contact the Extension Office at 256-2828.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

It is in everyone's best interest to contact buyers for the sale on Saturday, August 20th at 12:30 pm. This could include your relatives, doctor, dentist, veterinarian, grocery stores, gas stations, banker, insurance agent, etc. If you know of someone you would like the Sale Committee to contact and/or send tickets for the buyer's dinner, please contact any of these committee members: Trish Hays - 875-2152 Shayne Vandivort - 373-5473 4-H Office - 256-2828 Brenda Bromenshenk - 656-7173

FAIR PREMIUMS

If there is a problem with your premium dollars for the MontanaFair, call the Extension Office by **October 30th**. All mix-ups need to be fixed before this date because the fair accounts are closed out until the next year.

PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks will be voided 120 days after issue date. MetraPark will be enforcing the 120 day cancellation notice. Any checks not remitted for deposit/cash will be null and void after check issue date has expired.

JR. LIVESTOCK SALE CHECKS

For individuals selling livestock: The Sale Committee will be taking a percentage of your premium money (money made over and above the market price) for expenses of the sale. Your check will be mailed separately from your MontanaFair premium check. **Once all of the buyers have been paid and your thank you note has been sent, please notify the Extension Office so we can mail you your check.**

FAIR THANK YOU NOTES

After the fair is over, it would be very appropriate for each 4-H family to send thank you notes to the following individuals for their support of 4-H and the fair.

Yellowstone County Commissioners
P.O. Box 35000
Billings, MT 59107

MontanaFair Board Chairman	Farmers Oil Union
P.O. Box 2514	Worden, MT 59088
Billings, MT 59103	(For ice cream floats)

Yellowstone Valley Electric	Pat Goggins
P.O. Box 249	Western Ag Reporter
Huntley, MT 59037	P.O. Box 30758
(For fair gate tickets)	Billings, MT 59107
	(For Buyer's Dinner)

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month.

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks – We had a superb gun demonstration and talked about the fair schedule.

City Kids – We had a potluck and decorated our club shirts. We got kitchen items for the church where we have our meetings as a thank you.

Shepherd Pioneers – Project reports were given. We also talked about Homesteader Days. The club went on a camping trip.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds – We have a field trip planned. Reports were given for Interstate Exchange, the horse clinic and the Bull Bash.

Town n Country – Fair decorations, the schedule, club scrapbook and ice cream booth shift were talked about. We plan to clean up garbage on the Roundup Highway.

Yellowstone Mavericks – Many fair reports were given.

BLUE RIBBON INTERVIEWING SKILLS

Read and practice before your interview during fair.

Why should you develop good interviewing skills? –

Interview skills are a necessity of life. As you grow up you will be interviewed for scholarships, jobs, committees, etc. You will also want to interview other people you wish to hire to do jobs for you. Some examples are babysitter for your children, person hired to mow your lawn or paint your house.

Tips for Making a Good First Impression...How to Introduce Yourself.

1. Dress appropriately
2. Look at the interviewer
3. Shake hands with the interviewer
4. Smile!
5. Introduce yourself...*Hello, I am* _____.

What to do after the Introduction

1. Sit down
2. Lean slightly forward
3. Look at the interviewer

The Actual Interview – At some point you will be asked about your project. This is your big chance to impress the judge! Be excited about your project. Explain why you

chose this particular project and why it interests you. Tell the interviewer about any problems you encountered, and how you overcame them. Be prepared to talk about your project for at least 3 minutes. Make a list of things you can talk about, and practice talking about them before the actual interview.

Remember, if YOU are not excited and enthusiastic about your project, how can you expect the interviewer to get excited about it? It is okay to be nervous - most people are. The judges understand - they have been there before themselves. Don't let the nervousness ruin your chances for a good interview.

Closing of the Interview – Wait for some indication from the interviewer that the interview is finished. Thank the interviewer, smile, shake hands again, and exit.

Role Play – Practice shaking hands and introduce yourself. Practice telling someone else about your project. Practice will help you to be more comfortable at your interview.

What's Not Cool? Believe it or not, all of these have happened during the 4-H interviews:

- * Thumb sucking or fingernail biting
- * Gum chewing
- * Bad grooming...dirty hands or fingernails, unwashed or uncombed hair, dirty clothing
- * Hair twirling
- * Wimpy handshake...but a wimpy one is better than none
- * Eating food or drinking pop
- * Avoiding eye contact with the interviewer
- * Holding your head up with your hand
- * Looking bored or disinterested
- * Not knowing why your project is neat, special, great or exciting. If it wasn't at least interesting to you, why would you bother to spend so much time doing it?

You may be asked questions like:

- * What did you like best about this project?
- * Why did you choose this project?
- * Have you taken this project before?
- * What other things did you make or raise this year?
- * What makes this a good project?
- * What did you learn from this project?
- * How much did it cost?
- * Did you receive help making (raising) your project?
- * Do you plan to take this project again?
- * If you don't like this project, what will you try next year?

SHOWMANSHIP TIPS

Tidy Up – Waiting to go into the ring? Make sure your animal is clean and you are neat, too. Spit out the gum!

Dress Nicely – You and your clothes should be neat and presentable. Remember you are selling yourself and your skills; your appearance and salesmanship are very important to the Auction.

Smile – You will look like you are enjoying yourself. A smile is also a good tool to mask frustration if your animal is not doing what you would like it to do.

Brush – After the judge touches your animal, remember to brush the hair back. You might not think the judge is looking, but s/he is! Besides, why are you carrying that brush around? Use it!

Look – at the judge as you enter the ring and frequently as you show; remember to smile.

Footwear – For your safety, wear sturdy leather, hard soled shoes. If an animal steps on your foot your injury will be less serious.

****Remember to review the 4-H Showmanship Guidelines booklet from the Extension Office.****

4-H LINGO

We realize that 4-H lingo can be overwhelming. These terms will help you become more familiar with 4-H.

Clover – A magazine style publication that lists all of the projects that are available in the Montana 4-H program (county projects available are not included in the Clover). It includes a brief description of some of the things that a member can do in the project, what project books are available, and what age range the project is recommended for. The Clover also has articles of interest about 4-H.

County Awards– An event held in the fall of each year to recognize people on the county level. Awards are presented to individuals, clubs, leaders and community supporters.

County Project - Projects that have been developed at the county level, but have not grown to the state level. They

are listed on a separate sheet and included in the newsletter.

4-H – An informal education program offered to all youth regardless of race, color, national origin, and place of residence or handicap. The Montana program is conducted by Montana State University, the United States Department of Agriculture and county Extension Offices. 4-H is open to all youth between the ages of 6 and 19 (must still be in school).



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